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Coronary stent**Inventor:**

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Patent Number	Date (YYYYMM)	Main US Class	Assignee
US 5669932	199709	606198	Fischell
US 5741327	199804	623001	Frantzen
US 5776183	199807	623001	Kanesaka

Abstract: A coronary stent having a tubular, flexible body is disclosed. The body has a wall which has a web structure. The web structure has a plurality of neighboring cells which are defined by webs and which are each connected via joint webs to neighboring cells. The stent has in axial direction first and second cells that differ from one another and are alternately arranged in axial direction of the stent. The identical cells are provided in neighboring fashion in circumferential direction. In a non-expanded state of the stent, the first cells have folded webs at two opposite sides, and in the non-expanded state the second cells are provided at all sides with web portions that are folded and/or placed together.